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SUBJECT: MTN: ANDEAN GROUP RENOTIFICATION OF PRIORITY
PRODUCTS IN TROPICAL PRODUCTS NEGOTIATIONS

REF: LIMA 9531

1. SUMMARY: ANDEAN GROUP HAS RENOTIFIED US MTN DEL OF
ITS PRIORITY REQUESTS IN THE MTN TROPICAL PRODUCTS (TP)
NEGOTIATIONS AND REQUESTED US INCLUDE THESE PRODUCTS IN
ITS TP OFFER WHEN IMPLEMENTED. US MTN DEL REAFFIRMED
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NEED FOR CONTRIBUTIONS BY BENEFICIARY COUNTRIES BEFORE US
COULD IMPLEMENT ITS TP OFFER IN WHOLE OR IN PART. ANDEANS
ARE PREPARING ADDITIONAL REQUEST LISTS TO SUBMIT UNDER
PROCEDURES OF GROUPS AGRICULTURE AND NONTARIFF MEASURES.
END SUMMARY

2. ANDEAN GROUP HAS GIVEN US A PRIORITY COMBINED REQUEST

LIST OF ANDEAN INTERESTS DRAWING ON INDIVIDUAL ANDEAN COUNTRY TP REQUESTS. IN COVER LETTER, ANDEANS REFERRED TO REQUEST PROCEDURES AGREED IN GROUPS AGRICULTURE AND NONTARIFF MEASURES, WHILE REQUESTING THAT US INCLUDE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS TP OFFER THOSE PRIORITY ANDEAN PRODUCTS NOTIFIED. AT ANDEAN REQUEST, US MTN DEL (GRAEF, KNEPPER, SWAIN) MET WITH THEM NOVEMBER 21 AND 25 TO CLARIFY REQUESTS.

3. DURING MEETINGS, ANDEANS SAID THEY HAD DRAWN UP A GREATLY SHORTENED REQUEST LIST, WHICH INCLUDED ONLY THEIR HIGHEST PRIORITY ITEMS. IN ADDITION TO THESE RENOTIFICATIONS OF TP REQUESTS, THE ANDEANS ARE ALSO PREPARING ADDITIONAL REQUEST LISTS TO PRESENT TO THE US. ANDEANS NOTED THAT WITH COMBINED MARKET OF 70 MILLION PEOPLE, ANDEAN GROUP MADE UP LARGEST TRADING AREA IN LATIN AMERICA.

4. US MTN DEL ACKNOWLEDGED THAT AGREEMENT WAS POSSIBLE WITH SEVERAL LDCS WHO WERE PRINCIPAL BENEFICIARIES OF ITS MARCH 1, 1976 TP OFFER, WHICH WOULD ENABLE THE US TO IMPLEMENT A PART OF ITS ORIGINAL TP OFFER. HOWEVER, FOR CONCESSIONS TO BE IMPLEMENTED ON ANDEAN REQUESTS AS PART OF TP OFFER, ANDEAN COUNTRIES WOULD NEED TO REACH SOME AGREEMENT ON APPROPRIATE ANDEAN CONTRIBUTIONS. MTN DEL NOTED THERE WERE SOME PRODUCTS ON US TP OFFER WHICH THE ANDEANS HAD PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED BUT WHICH WERE NOT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INCLUDED IN PRESENT ANDEAN REQUEST, AND INVITED ANDEAN GROUP TO REVIEW THEIR INTEREST IN SUCH PRODUCTS. US DEL NOTED THAT WHILE US TP OFFER HAD IN FACT BEEN IMPROVED DURING NEGOTIATIONS, EARLIER US REVIEW OF MANY ANDEAN REQUESTS INDICATED THESE PRODUCTS WERE NOT SUITABLE FOR NEGOTIATIONS IN LIMITED TP CONTEXT, BUT WOULD NEED BROADER NEGOTIATING FORUM INCLUDING DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, AS WAS NOW AVAILABLE IN OTHER MTN GROUPS. US MTN DEL ALSO NOTED LACK OF ANY RESPONSE TO DATE BY ANDEAN DELS TO US SUGGESTIONS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO TP NEGOTIATIONS WAS NOT CONDUCIVE TO EFFECTIVE NEGOTIATIONS. US REITERATED LIST OF CONTRIBUTIONS WAS NEGOTIABLE AND IT WOULD STILL BE DESIRABLE TO HAVE HAD AN OPEN-ENDED DIALOGUE ON THESE ISSUES.

5. ANDEAN SPOKESMAN STATED "EVERYTHING IS NEGOTIABLE" AT THIS ADVANCED STAGE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS AND REAFFIRMED COMMITMENT OF ANDEAN GROUP TO MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NEGOTIATIONS AS A WHOLE, WHEN THEIR PRIORITY ITEMS OF INTEREST ARE ON THE BARGAINING TABLE. COLOMBIA DEL RAISED QUESTION OF OBTAINING CREDIT FOR PAST LIBERALIZATION MEASURES, NOTING COLOMBIA HAD NOTIFIED GATT IN 1976

OF CONTINUING MEASURES IT HAD TAKEN TO LIBERALIZE IMPORTS.
COLOMBIA DEL ALSO NOTED THAT AN INTERNAL STUDY CONDUCTED
BY GOC HAD INDICATED THAT US HAD BEEN THE PRINCIPAL
BENEFICIARY OF ITS TRADE LIBERALIZATION MEASURES.
BOLIVIAN DEL REFERRED TO SPECIAL PROBLEM OF ECUADOR AND
BOLIVIA AS THE LEAST DEVELOPED OF THE ANDEAN GROUP AND
THEREFORE DESERVING OF SPECIAL TREATMENT.

6. ANDEAN GROUP REQUESTED "ADVANCE IMPLEMENTATION FOR
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OF DC CONCESSIONS" ON SEVERAL
PRODUCTS. US DEL RESPONDED USG LACKED AUTHORITY TO
IMPLEMENT ON A DEVELOPED VERSUS DEVELOPING COUNTRY BASIS,
OBSERVING, HOWEVER, THAT FASTER MFN IMPLEMENTATION OF
PRODUCTS OF INTEREST TO LDCS WAS POSSIBLE. VENEZUELAN
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DEL OBSERVED THAT OTHER DCS IN TP NEGOTIATIONS HAD MADE PRIOR IMPLEMENTATION FOR LDCS BY INCLUDING PRODUCTS IN GSP, THUS ANDEANS INTENDED TO KEEP THIS REQUEST ON THE TABLE.

7. FOLLOWING THE SECOND MEETING, ANDEANS REVISED AND FURTHER SHORTENED THEIR REQUEST LIST BY DELETING NINE PRODUCTS, EIGHT OF WHICH WERE THE ONLY PRODUCTS ON THEIR INITIAL REQUEST LIST THAT HAD BEEN INCLUDED IN THE INITIAL US TP OFFER. ANDEAN DEL (HERRERA) SAID THIS WAS DONE AS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THESE PRODUCTS WERE IN US TP OFFER, AND HENCE THERE WAS NOT NEED TO "INSIST" AGAIN ON THEIR INCLUSION. US DEL REMINDED HERRERA OF DISTINCTION BETWEEN OFFERS AND IMPLEMENTED CONCESSIONS.

8. IN DISCUSSION OF ANDEAN PRODUCT REQUESTS, COLOMBIA DEL NOTED THAT REQUEST ON TSUS 192.20 FRESH-CUT FLOWERS WAS FOR CREATING A NEW TARIFF CATEGORY FOR CHRYSANTHEMUMS, ROSES, AND CARNATIONS. OTHER ANDEAN PRIORITY TP TARIFF AND NONTARIFF MEASURES REQUESTS FOLLOW: 145.55 WALNUTS; 112.30, 112.23, 112.90 CANNED TUNA; 157.10 CANDY; 156.40, 156.45 COCOA; 148.98 CANNED PINEAPPLES; 170.10, 170.32, 170.40, 170.60 TOBACCO; 300.10, 300.15, 300.20 COTTON.

9. COMMENT: FOREGOING LIST OF ANDEANS PRIORITY TRADE REQUESTS INVOLVE MANY SENSITIVE PRODUCTS. THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE US CAN EXPECT TO NEGOTIATE SIGNIFICANT ANDEAN CONTRIBUTIONS TO TRADE LIBERALIZATION -- IF ANY -- WILL DEPEND ALMOST ENTIRELY UPON HOW MANY OF THEIR HIGH PRIORITY REQUESTS ARE INCLUDED IN US JANUARY 15 OFFER.

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